

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are currently pending in the present patent application. In the subject Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1 and 9-11, and stated that claims 2 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, since the limitation "said isolation region" recited in lines 11 and 12-13, respectively, has insufficient antecedent basis. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for having noticed this error, and have amended claims 2 and 7 to rectify this problem. No new matter has been added to the claims by these changes, since support therefor may be found in lines 23-25 of page 7 of the subject Specification, as originally filed. Therein, it is stated that: "Current injected by either the analog circuitry 210 or the digital circuitry 230 is primarily coupled to ground 226 or ground 228 through the low impedance regions 212, 214, respectively."

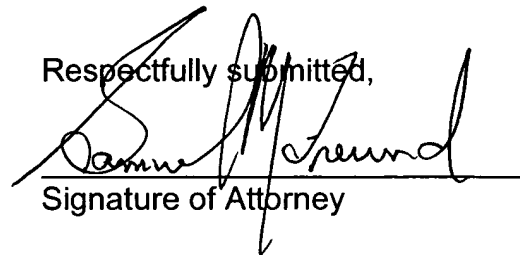
Applicants wish to point out that there has been no rejection by the Examiner of claims 3-6, and 8, which depend from rejected claims 2 and 7, respectively. Applicants have made the assumption that the amendments to claims 2 and 7 now places these claims in condition for allowance, and that claims 3-6 and 8 are therefore in condition for allowance as well.

As a result, applicants believe that claims 1-11, are in condition for allowance or appeal, the former action by the Examiner at an early date being earnestly solicited. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

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